Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1.(currently amended) A computer implemented manuscript review and determination process, comprising:

receiving manuscript data defining a manuscript including at least one of text data, audio data, and video data;

prompting a potential reviewer for agreement to review said manuscript;

storing agreement data received from said potential reviewer, said agreement data including at least one of agreement to review and disagreement to review said manuscript;

~~transmitting a signal, if said potential reviewer disagrees to review said manuscript,~~

~~prompting an additional potential reviewer for agreement to review said manuscript;~~ and

storing a decision whether to publish.

2. (previously presented) The computer implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising transmitting a signal prompting an additional potential reviewer for agreement to review said manuscript based on stored agreement data from at least one potential reviewer.

3. (canceled)

4. (previously presented) The computer implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising storing data indicating an identification of an associate editor for said manuscript in association with said manuscript data.

5. (currently amended) The computer implemented method according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 4, further comprising storing at least one date on which said associate editor performs at least one of assigning a potential reviewer and entering manuscript approval status data.

6. (previously presented) The computer implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising storing a date on which at least one of receiving said manuscript, prompting a potential reviewer, and receiving agreement data occurs.

7. (previously presented) The computer implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising transmitting a manuscript review instruction to reviewer.

8. (previously presented) The computer implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising authorizing transmission of said manuscript to at least one of associate editors

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of said manuscript, potential reviewers of said manuscript, and reviewers of said manuscript.

9. (previously presented) The computer implemented method according to claim 8, wherein said authorizing transmission comprises storing, in association with said unique identification, at least one of an identification of an associate editor, a potential reviewer, and a reviewer.

10. (previously presented) The computer implemented method according to claim 8, wherein said authorizing transmission comprises storing, in association with said unique identification, an identification of an associate editor and a reviewer.

11. (currently amended) A computer implemented manuscript review and determination system, comprising:

means for receiving manuscript data defining a manuscript including at least one of text data, audio data, and video data;

means for prompting a potential reviewer for agreement to review said manuscript;

means for storing agreement data received from said potential reviewer, said agreement data including at least one of agreement to review and disagreement to review said manuscript;

~~means for transmitting a signal, if said potential reviewer disagrees to review said manuscript, prompting an additional potential reviewer for agreement to review said manuscript;~~ and

means for storing a decision whether to publish.

12. (previously presented) The computer implemented system according to claim 11, further comprising means for transmitting a signal prompting an additional potential reviewer for agreement to review said manuscript.

13. (Canceled)

14. (previously presented) The computer implemented system according to claim 11, further comprising means for storing data indicating an identification of an associate editor for said manuscript in association with said manuscript data.

15. (currently amended) The computer implemented system according to ~~claim 11~~ claim 14, further comprising means for storing at least one date on which said associate editor preforms at least one of assigning a potential reviewer and entering manuscript approval status data.

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16. (previously presented) The computer implemented system according to claim 11, further comprising means for storing a date on which at least one of receiving said manuscript, prompting a potential reviewer, and receiving agreement data occurs.

17. (previously presented) The computer implemented system according to claim 11, further comprising means for transmitting a manuscript review instruction to a reviewer.

18. (previously presented) The computer implemented system according to claim 11, further comprising means for authorizing transmission of said manuscript to at least one of associate editors of said manuscript, potential reviewers of said manuscript, and reviewers of said manuscript.

19. (previously presented) The computer implemented system according to claim 18, wherein means for authorizing comprises means for storing, in association with said unique identification , at least one of an identification of an associate editor, a potential reviewer, and a reviewer.

20. (currently amended) A computer program product embodied on a computer readable medium for implementing a manuscript review and determination process on a computer, said program comprising instructions for:

receiving manuscript data defining a manuscript including at least one of text data, audio data, and video data;

prompting a potential reviewer for agreement to review said manuscript;

storing agreement data received from said potential reviewer, said agreement data including at least one of agreement to review and disagreement to review said manuscript;

~~transmitting a signal, if said potential reviewer disagrees to review said manuscript, prompting an additional potential reviewer for agreement to review said manuscript;~~ and

storing a decision whether to publish.

21. (previously presented) The computer implemented process according to claim 1, wherein the decision for publishing is a final decision and the manuscript can be published either in print, or in electronic form.

22. (previously presented) The computer implemented process according to claim 1, further comprising:

correlating the decision for publishing about said manuscript from different potential reviewers and achieving a final decision; and

storing the final decision for publishing in a database.

23. (previously presented) The computer implemented process according to claim 1, further comprising:

tracking said manuscript and storing said tracking information in a database; and

sending a message upon completing a status check that includes whether a set of anticipated events, including receipt of a number of reviewers reviews and editors actions, occurred in a predetermined period of time.

24. (previously presented) The computer implemented process according to claim 22, wherein said final decision for publishing is made by a majority tallying of the individual reviews, if all reviewers indicate said manuscript should be published, said manuscript is automatically sent to a printing queue or printing facility.

25. (new): The process of claim 1 further comprising transmitting a signal prompting an additional potential reviewer for agreement to review said manuscript if said potential reviewer disagrees to review said manuscript.

26. (new): The process of claim 1 wherein receiving manuscript data comprises receiving at a central computer manuscript data defining a completed manuscript transmitted from a remote terminal associated with an author; and

said prompting a potential reviewer for agreement to review said manuscript comprises transmitting prompt data to a remote terminal associated with said potential reviewer after receiving manuscript data defining a completed manuscript..

27. (new): The process of claim 1 wherein receiving manuscript data comprises receiving at a central computer manuscript data defining a completed manuscript transmitted from a remote terminal associated with an author; and

in response to receiving said completed manuscript at said central computer automatically prompting a potential reviewer for agreement to review said completed manuscript.

28. (new): The process of claim 1 wherein receiving manuscript data comprises receiving at a central computer manuscript data defining a completed manuscript transmitted

from a remote terminal associated with an author; and

in response to receiving at said central computer system a signal indicating that a first potential reviewer disagrees to review said manuscript, generating at said central computer and transmitting to a second potential reviewer at a remote terminal a request prompting said second potential reviewer to review said complete manuscript.

29.   (new): The process of claim 1 further comprising storing data indicating an identification of a first associate editor for said manuscript in association with said manuscript data and an identifiction of an editor, wherein said editor has rights to assign at least one second associate editor for said manuscript and said first associate editor does not have rights to assign any associate editor for said manuscript.

30.   (new): The process of claim 1, further comprising:

storing data indicating an identification of a first associate editor for said manuscript in association with said manuscript data;

storing data indicating an identity of an editor;

wherein said associate editor has less rights relating to said manuscript than said editor.

31.   (new): A computer implemented manuscript review and determination process, comprising:

receiving at a central computer manuscript data from a remote terminal associated with an author, said manuscript data defining a complete manuscript including at least one of text data, audio data, and video data;

generating at said central computer a request to review prompt for prompting a potential reviewer for agreement to review said manuscript;

transmitting said request to review prompt to a remote terminal associated with said potential reviewer;

storing in a database controlled by said central computer agreement data received from said potential reviewer at said central computer, said agreement data including at least one of agreement to review and disagreement to review said manuscript; and

storing a decision whether to publish said manuscript.

32.   (new): The method of 31 further comprising storing at said central computer

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different rights relating to a manuscript for users defined as author, editor, associate editor, and reviewer.

33.   (new): The method of claim 32 further comprising configuring said central computer wherein a user defined as an author of said manuscript has rights to get status information relating to said manuscript, a user defined as an editor has rights to assign associate editors to said manuscript, assign reviewers to said manuscript, view, authorize publication, and get status information for said manuscript, a user defined as an associate editor for said manuscript has rights to assign reviewers to said manuscript, view, authorize publication, and get status information for said manuscript and does not have rights to assign additional associate editors to said manuscript, a user defined as a reviewer of a manuscript has rights to indicate whether said manuscript should be published, and get status information on said manuscript.

34.   (new): The method of claim 31 further comprising storing at said central computer different rights relating to a manuscript for users defined as author editor, associate editor, reviewer, and staff member.